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Sir:

A request for a Continuation Patent Application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) is filed herewith. This Continuation Application is proper as a petition for a three-month extension of time was filed via facsimile transmission on October 23, 2003, to maintain the pendency of parent application 08/442,292 through October 28, 2003. Attached please find a copy of the extension of time and facsimile confirmation sheet.

Please amend the above-identified application under as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.
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- Amendments to the Drawings begin on page ____.
- Remarks begin on page 5.
- An Appendix including _____ is attached following page ____ of this paper.